

**APPLICATION INTERFACE FOR A
DATA STORAGE SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 An application interface is used to
retrieve information from a data storage system and
in particular, for a financial/business system or
general ledger system. Data from the data storage
system is retrieved using a data mart that supports a
10 generalized or system-independent format. The
interface instantiates a detail interface identified
in a field of the data mart to communicate with, or
drill back to, the data storage system to retrieve
detailed data such as detail transaction data through
15 an interface.